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SUBJECT:JUSTICE DEPT INVESTIGATION OF KCIA ACTIVITIES

REF: STATE 96709

1. HABIB TOOK OCCASION OF COURTESY CALL BY KOREAN AMBAS-
SADOR KIM TO WEIGH IN ON NEED FOR ROKG COOPERATION IN
JUSTICE DEPT INVESTIGATION.

2. HABIB POINTED OUT THAT, IF ROKG COOPERATED THROUGH
TONG-SUN PARK IN PROVIDING DETAILED INFORMATION, THIS
WOULD ALLOW JUSTICE DEPT TO BRING CASE TO AN EARLY END,
AN OBJECTIVE IN BOTH US AND ROK INTEREST. KIM ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT TONG-SUN PARK CASE HAD CREATED A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR
ROK AND THE US AND TONG-SUN PARK'S ACTIVITIES WERE

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"DISASTER" IN TERMS OF US/KOREA RELATIONS. AT SAME TIME
KIM AVERRED THAT PARK'S ACTIVITIES WERE HIS OWN AND HAD
NOT INVOLVED ROKG.

3. HABIB QUICKLY SET RECORD STRAIGHT, INFORMING KIM THAT
PARK'S PAST ACTIVITIES HAD CERTAINLY BEEN KNOWN TO SOME
OFFICIALS IN THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT. HE REITERATED OUR

REQUEST FOR ROKG COOPERATION IN RESOLVING CASE WHICH HAS

HAD MAJOR NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US/ROK RELATIONS. HABIB SPECIFICALLY ASKED KIM TO CONVEY OUR REQUEST BACK TO SEOUL THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNEL HE BELIEVED APPROPRIATE, POSSIBLY PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT PARK.

4. HABIB ALSO CAUTIONED KIM ON NEED TO AVOID ANY IMPROPER ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS OF KOREAN EMBASSY AND CONSULATE STAFFS. KIM SAID THAT HE WOULD ASSURE HABIB ON THAT SCORE, INCLUDING KCIA. KIM SAID THERE WOULD BE NO IMPROPER ACTIVITIES BY ANY MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY OR THE CONSULATES. HE INDICATED HE HIMSELF WAS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO PROBLEMS CAUSED BY KCIA AND WHEN QUERIED, SAID HE HAD AUTHORITY TO PREVENT ANY IMPROPER ACTIVITIES BY THAT AGENCY. HABIB EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR KIM'S RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE THAT POINT.

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